

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 are deleted. Claim 16 is amended by incorporating the subject matter of former Claim 17, which is also deleted. The dependency of Claims 18, 19 and 20 is corrected. No new matter is introduced and entry of the amendments is requested.

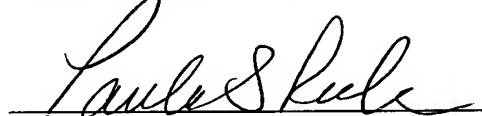
Rejections Over Prior Art

The rejections under 35 USC §102 and 35 USC §103 are believed to be rendered moot by the amendments to the Claims.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 7-15 and 17-20 are allowable over the art of record. Claim 16 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of original Claim 17 and is therefore now believed to be allowable. Claims 21-27 now depend from new Claim 16 which is allowable and therefore are also allowable over the prior art.

Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance of Claims 7-15, 16 and 18 – 27.

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